

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for finding resources on a network comprises a finder server having access to: (a) a
5 database including: (i) an index of resources
available on network of interconnected computers on
which a plurality of resources reside; and (ii)
information regarding user feedback gathered from
previous operations of the apparatus by a user and
10 plural previous users; and (b) a learning system
operable to access and learn from information contained
on the database. The finder server is operable to
locate, in response to entry by the user of a resource
identity signifier, a single intended target resource
15 intended by the user to uniquely correspond to the
resource identity signifier, from among a plurality of
resources located on the network, by: receiving a
resource identity signifier from the user; accessing
the database to determine, based on the information in
20 the database, which, if any, of the indexed resources
is likely to be the intended target resource; and
directing a computer of the user so as to cause that
computer to connect the user to the address of the
resource, if any, determined as likely to be the
25 intended target resource.